

Housing Struggles Intensify as Recession Persists

- **31,000** callers had housing needs in 2008, a **28 percent** increase from 2007
- Rent or mortgage payment calls jumped **47 percent**; **56 percent** of requests were **unmet**
- **9,866** callers sought emergency shelter, a **23 percent** increase
- Calls for low-cost housing increased **21 percent**

